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Besterman et al. )  
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the USPTO via the USPTO EFS on May 8, 2007.

Date: May 8, 2007

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